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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOP-  
MENT (CSD), 26TH SESSION 1/15-2/5/77) TO THE 62D ECOSOC

1. SUMMARY: ALL 13 RESOLUTIONS OF THE CSD WERE PASSED BY  
CONSENSUS AND SHOULD NOT RAISE ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES  
AT ECOSOC. ONE RESOLUTION, L.430, INITIATED BY THE US IN  
CONOPERATION WITH THE NETHERLANDS, WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO  
ECOSOC FOR APPROVAL. IT WILL BENEFIT FROM SOME PLANNING  
BEFOREHAND. END SUMMARY.

2. TO INSURE APPROVAL OF L.430, THE US REP TO THE CSD,  
JEAN PICKER, HAS HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOLLOW-  
ING PEOPLE.

FRANCOIS VAN HIEK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF YSYG  
VA LAETHEM

AMB PIETER VAN BUUREN, NETHERLANDS  
JACQUES BARDOT, SENIOR STAFF OF THE CENTER FOR DEVELOP-  
MENT PLANNING, PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES (CDPPP)

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ASYG HELVI SIPILA, CENTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELEOPMENT  
AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (CSDHA)  
SHEMLALL, SENIOR CONSULTANT, CSDHA

3. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE ABOVE-EMNTIONED  
PEOPLE THAT A WORKING GROUP FO EXPERTS SHOULD BE MADE UP  
OF TEN PEOPLE. TWO FROM EACH REGION. THIS ALLOWS BOTH THE US

AND THE NETHERLANDS TO BE ON IT AS THE US AND NETHERLANDS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO FUNDING IT. HEW HAS RESERVED \$25,000 TOWARDS THE WORKING GROUP. THE NETHERLANDS HAS PROMISED TO PICK UP THE REMAINING \$28,000-30,000 NEEDED TO MEET THE ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

4. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT OPERATIVE PARA 1 OF L.430 SHOULD BE BROADENED SO THAT THE WORKING GROUP OF TEN EXPERTS CAN BE DRAWN FROM ANY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN, INSTEAD OF THE NARROWER BASE OF ONLY THE CSD MEMBER STATES. THE RATIONALE IS THAT THERE IS APT TO BE A VESTED INTEREST BY CSD MEMBERS IF ONLY THEY MAKE UP THE EXPERT GROUP.

5. THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT THE TIMING SCHEDULES IN OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3 ARE VERY TIGHT, AND THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE THE REPORT READY FOR THE 64TH ECOSOC IN THE SPRING OF 1978 AND THE 32D GA IN THE FALL OF 1978. HOWEVER, VAN BUREN OF THE NETHERLANDS IS CONCERNED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURE WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS WORK IN TIME FOR A FINAL REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE 63D ECOSOC, SUMMER OF 1977, AND FINALIZED AT THE 32D GA, 1977. WE THINK IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AD HOC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE MAY MEET THIS TIME-TABLE; BUT WE ALSO FEEL THAT THE WORKING GROUP REPORT WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE 64TH ECOSOC AND THE 32D GA WHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE TAKEN.

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6. A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE MIGHT BE A PRELIMINARY REPORT MADE TO THE RESUMED 63D ECOSOC AND 32D GA AND, IF NECESSARY, THE FINAL REPORT COMPLETED BY THE 64TH ECOSOC AND 32D GA.

7. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE VERY BROAD, ESSENTIALLY, TO LOOK AT THE ROLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAYS IN THE UN SYSTEM, AND WHAT ROLE IT SHOULD HAVE. THERE WAS AGREEMENT BY MOST THAT THERE NOT BE ANY OVERLAP WITH RESTRUCTURING, OR ANY ATTEMPT BY THE WORKING GROUP TO DESIGNATE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINERY THAT SHOULD BE USED TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OUTPUT.

8. VAN HOEK HOPES THAT NEITHER THE DUTCH OR THE US SUGGEST ITS PRESENT CSD MEMBERS AS MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP. HE FELT HIS HAND AT SELECTION OF EXPERTS WOULD BE STRONGER IF THE US AND DUTCH DID NOT RECOMMEND THEIR MEMBERS. THEN HE, VAN HOEK, WOULD NOT HAVE TO

SELECT ANY CSD MEMBERS AND THE EXPERT BODY COULD REALLY BE OBJECTIVE. VAN BUREN SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH THE HAGUE. ALTHOUGH HE FELT THERE WAS LOGIC TO VAN HOEK'S POINT, HE FELT DR. HENDRICKS(THE DUTCH REP OF CSD) COULD MAKE A DISTINCT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORKING GROUP. WE AGREED TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. PARTICULARLY ON THIS POINT.

9. VAN HOEK WAS VERY CANDID IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH PICKER. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) MRS. SIPILA'S CSDHA WAS TOO INVOLVED WITH THE ROLE OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DID NOT BELONG WITH HER AT ALL. SHE IS TRYING TO GET BACK SOCIAL POLICY AND PLANNING THAT SHE LOST TO CDPPP IN 1973 IN ORDER TO HAVE A LARGER CENTER TO MOVE TO VIENNA; 2) VAN HOEK WILL NOT ALLOW CSDHA TO RECRUIT SENIOR OFFICERS UNTIL THEY SUBMIT AN ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM OF WORK; 3) VAN HOEK STATED HOW GLAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE WAS THAT THE US TOOK THIS INITIATIVE TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP. HE HAD ALREADY TOLD VAN LAETHEM SIX MONTHS AGO THAT A HARD LOOK HAD TO BE GIVEN TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE CRECOGNIZED THE EXISTING SPLIT BETWEEN CSDHA AND CDPPP AND THE MOCKERY IT MADE OF THE UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT; 4) HE IS CONCERNED AS TO HOW CSDHA CAN BE MONITORED WHEN IT IS IN VIENNA. HE PERSONALLY FAVORS SIPILA'S BEING A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN'S ROLE ATTACHED TO THE SYG. BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN; 5) VAN HOEK STATED THAT HE FEELS CDPPP SHOULD BE RE-ENFORCED SO THAT THERE IS REALLY AN IMPLEMENTATION OF A UNIFIED APPROACH. HE SEES CDPPP DOING BASIC RESEARCH ON THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND A PROBABLE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TO INCLUDE SOCIAL PLANNERS; 6) TO SERVICE THE WORKING GROUP AS SECRETARIAT, HE IS CONSIDERING SHEM LALL OF CSDHA AND JACQUES BAUDOT OF CDPPP.

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10. FYI. VAN HOEK SAID HE VISITED THE DEPT THE  
WEEKEND OF MARCH 5/6 AND DISCUSSED THIS AND OTHER ESA  
PROBLEMS WITH CHARLES FRANK.

11. COMMENT. THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WERE EXTREMELY  
USEFUL. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNANIMITY AS TO THE  
POSITION OF THE EXPERT GROUP AND ITS MANDATE. HOWEVER,  
ECOSOC MAY THINK DIFFERENTLY. VAN HOEK'S CONCERNS ON SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT ARE VERY MUCH IN ACCORD WITH THOSE OF THE DEPT.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSER COLLABORATION IN THE FUTURE.  
AS PICKER WILL BE GIVING A DEBRIEFING ON CSD ON MARCH 18 AT  
THE DEPT, FOLLOWED BY A PLANNING/STRATEGY SESSION ON L.430,  
THIS SUMMARY MAY SERVE AS A STARTING POINT OF DISCUSSION.

12. TEXT OF E/CN.5/L.430 FOLLOWS: QUOTE

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES FOR THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN 1978-1981  
AND PROGRESS REPORT FOR 1975-1976

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SIERRA LEONE, UNITED STATES AND ZAIRE: DRAFT RESOLUTION

REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNI-  
TED NATIONS THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION  
OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1139 (XLI) OF THE ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH ADOPTED THE PRESENT MANDATE

AND PRESENT DESIGNATION OF THE COMMISSION;

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS PROPOSALS RELATING, INTER ALIA, TO THE INSTITUTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

DESIRING TO INSURE THAT THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS IS ACCORDED, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, THE HIGHT PRIORITY IT DESREVES CONSIDERING THE GRAVITY AND URGENCY OF THE PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR;

1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERTS FROM STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, INTER ALIA, WITH REGARD TO:

(A) THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

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(B) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS CO-ORDINATION MACHINERY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES;

(C) AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INPUT IN THE PREPARATION OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

2. RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT THE WORKING GROUP BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD SUBMIT THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMENTS AND THAT THE REPORT, ALONG WITH THESE COMMENTS, SHOULD BE SUMITTED TO THE RESUMED SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF ECOSOC AND TO THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. DECIDES TO CONSIDER AT ITS RESUMED SIXTY-THIRD SESSION WHETHER THE REPORT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GIVE THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA."

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